

# Arkansas delegates to 1976 conferences name officers, make committee assignments

The General and Jurisdictional Conference delegations of the two Annual Conferences in Arkansas met recently to elect officers and make committee assignments in preparation for the two 1976 events. The General Conference is to be held in Portland, Ore., April 27-May 8 and the Jurisdictional Conference will be in Lincoln, Nebr., July 13-15.

## North Arkansas Conference Delegation Reports

Meeting July 23 at Hendrix College, Conway, the North Arkansas Conference delegation named Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro, long-time lay teacher in church-related enterprises, as chairperson of the delegation. The Rev. Wayne C. Jarvis, pastor of Central

Avenue Church, Batesville, was named delegation secretary.

The delegation made the following assignments to legislative committees of the General Conference: Church and Society, Mr. Homer H. Fulbright; Conferences, the Rev. Ben F. Jordan; Discipleship, Dr. Joel A. Cooper; Higher Education and Ministry, Dr. Charles P. McDonald; Global Ministries, Miss Mildred Osment; Financial Administration, the Rev. Earl B. Carter; Council on Ministries, Mr. Bob Cheyne; Independent Commissions, Status and Role of Women, Mrs. Nadine Hardin.

Named to Jurisdictional Conference committees as follows were: Petitions and Resolutions, Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden and Mr. Marvin L. Gaither; Rules, Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden and Mr.

Homer H. Fulbright; Episcopacy, Dr. Joel A. Cooper and Mrs. Nadine Hardin; Conference Boundaries, the Rev. Earl B. Carter and Mr. Bob Cheyne.

## Little Rock Conference Delegation Elects

Meeting July 28 at Arkadelphia, the Little Rock Conference delegation elected Dr. George W. Martin, superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, as chairperson of the delegation. Mr. John Blundell of Ashdown was elected vice chairperson and Mrs. Zenobia P. Waters of Little Rock, secretary.

The following legislative committee assignments were made: Church and Society, Don L. Riggins; Conferences, Dr. Negail Riley; Discipleship, Mr. R. P. Meredith; Higher Education and Minis-

try, Mrs. Zenobia P. Waters; Global Ministries, Dr. J. Edward Dunlap; Local Church, Dr. Virgil D. Keeley; Financial Administration, Mr. John Blundell; Council on Ministries, Dr. George W. Martin.

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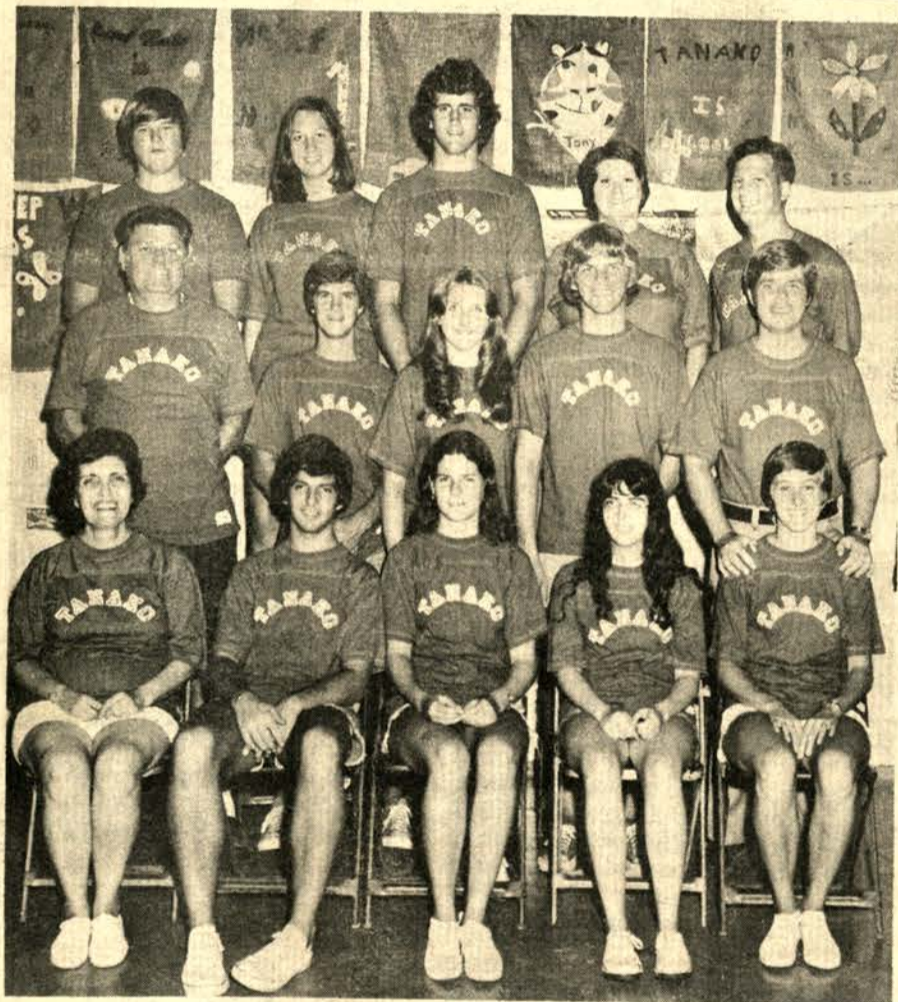
The two Arkansas Area delegations have scheduled a joint meeting for September 11.

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TOP ROW, left to right: Danny George, Donna Morey, Bruce Burton, Kaye Douglass, Chuck Reeves; MIDDLE: Raymond Thurman, Phil Schmidt, Jacque Wasson, Steve Gough, Buddy Ratliff; FRONT: Mrs. Lena Griswold, Frank Thomas, Sylvia Jackson, Tina Griswold, Mrs. Buddy (Margaret) Ratliff.

## Camp Tanako to receive special offering

United Methodists of the Little Rock Conference will have the opportunity on Sunday, Aug. 10, to contribute to a special offering in support of Camp Tanako, their Conference camp. (A number of churches will choose another date and others have Tanako as a line item of their budget.)

The camp, the center of Conference summer activities since the late 40's, is located on Lake Catherine, about half-

way between Malvern and Hot Springs. It is used by children, youth and adults and serves over 2,000 campers each year.

The camp is being increasingly used during the Fall and Spring months by local churches, districts and conference agencies for special events.

The camp receives its support from these sources: Conference apportionments, local church budgets, campers'

fees, contributions from individuals and organizations, and, from the special offering received each Sunday in August.

Contributions may be remitted through the local church to Grafton Thomas, Area Treasurer, Box 6009, Little Rock, AR 72206 or directly to Camp Tanako, 715 Center, Suite 202, Little Rock, AR 72201. Local churches will be credited for all money received.

## Dr. Ewing Wayland named to succeed Dr. Bryan Brawner

### United Methodism's chief fiscal officer

The Rev. Ewing T. Wayland of Evanston, Ill., a member of the North Arkansas Conference, has been elected General Secretary of the Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) of The United Methodist Church. As such he becomes the chief fiscal officer of the denomination.

A former editor of the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*, Dr. Wayland will assume his duties early next May, upon adjournment of the 1976 General Conference.

Dr. Wayland will succeed another Arkansan, Dr. R. Bryan Brawner of Evanston, who was elected to that office during the General Conference of 1968 after serving for 17 years as executive director of Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas. Prior to that, Dr. Brawner had served for 23 years as a school administrator in Arkansas, having been principal of schools at Texarkana and North Little Rock, and for ten years superintendent of schools in the latter city. He will retire following the 1976 General Conference.

As chief staff executive of the CFA, Dr. Wayland will be responsible for the accounting and disbursing of some \$90 million per year contributed by the ten million members of The United Meth-



**Dr. Wayland**

odist Church for support of its worldwide causes. Headquartered in Evanston, Ill., the agency has service centers in Nashville, New York and Washington.

Dr. Wayland was elected to the post July 30 by the 42-member CFA board of managers, meeting in Chicago. The board is made up of ministers and lay persons from across the nation. Among them is Mr. William M. Shepherd of Little Rock, lay leader of the Little Rock Conference. Mr. Shepherd was one of 14 members of the board's search committee, assigned to find a successor to Dr. Brawner.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward T. Wayland, retired minister of the North Arkansas Conference and wife, Dr. Wayland is presently associate general secretary of the CFA. Both the elder and younger Waylands make their home

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## Methodist Hospital opens emergency treatment facility

The New emergency treatment facilities for Methodist Hospital's Central Unit, Memphis, were opened July 23. Much of the new equipment in the unit was provided by gifts from congregations and individuals in the North Arkansas Conference, one of three owning conferences of the institution. Pledges from the North Arkansas Conference churches have exceeded \$215,000 in the current Golden Anniversary Drive.

The new facility houses the hospital's Emergency Department and is part of the newly constructed \$11 million Sherard Wing. The department contains complete x-ray and laboratory services and provides direct elevator access to surgery, intensive care and coronary care units. The new unit will handle all emergency admissions and all regular admissions after 7 p.m.

When completed, the new Sherard Wing will house the hospital's business offices, an intensive care unit, expanded operating room facilities and enlarged x-ray, physical therapy and laboratory departments. The wing is named in honor of the generations of the Sherard family, whose members have given unselfish service to the institution for many years. Mr. J. H. Sherard IV serves as the current chairperson of the hospital's Board of Managers.

Owned jointly by the Memphis, North Arkansas and North Mississippi Conferences of The United Methodist Church, Methodist Hospital is the largest United Methodist hospital in the world and is recognized as one of the outstanding general hospitals in the nation.

## Davidson Camp Meeting begins Friday, Aug. 8

The 91st annual Davidson Camp Meeting is scheduled to begin Friday, Aug. 8th at 7:45 p.m., with the Rev. Bob Trieschmann of the Wesley Foundation of Arkadelphia and the Okolona Circuit preaching. Mr. Barris Sample of Young Life, will direct youth activities.

In charge of children's activities will be Mrs. Joe T. Clark, with Mrs. Al Cash directing handicrafts. Mrs. Henry Miller will serve as pianist.

Daily services at the campground, located in a shady grove 13 miles west on Highway 26 out of Arkadelphia on I-30, will be held at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. daily. A special song service has been planned for Sunday afternoon, Aug. 10th at 2 p.m.

A memorial service at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 17th, will conclude the 10-day event.

Friends are invited to share in the services.

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### Bound For Bible Lands

Shown at the Little Rock airport just before departure for a two-week tour to Bible lands are (standing, from left) Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Copeland, Mrs. Maude Wilson, Mrs. Ruby Herman, Mrs. R. W. McCracken, Mrs. Virginia Reeves, Mrs. Lou Calhoun, Miss Gail McCammon, Mrs. Harold Womack (tour co-guide), Mrs. Betty Townsend, Mrs. Earl Carter and Mr. Robert Fortney. Kneeling (from left) are: Mrs. Robert Fortney, Mrs. Hazel Jordan, Mrs. Hoyt Pyle, Mrs. Mary E. Murray and the Rev. Earl Carter. They are to return Aug. 13.

## Arkansans touring Bible lands

Nineteen United Methodists, most from central Arkansas, left Little Rock July 29 on a two-week tour to the Bible lands. Led by tour guide Mrs. Harold Womack of North Little Rock, the group was joined at Dallas by co-guide Dr. Lindsey Pherigo, professor of New Testament at St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, and by Dr. and Mrs. Paul M. Bumpers and a number of others from western Arkansas. Also accompanying the group as a resource person is Dr. Charles L. Allen, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Houston, Tex. The group flew to Rome where, after a tour of that city and Naples, they boarded a ship for a cruise across the Mediterranean prior to the visit to the Bible lands. Among points of interest to be visited are Cairo, Alexandria, Tel

Aviv, Jerusalem, Jericho, the Dead Sea area and Bethlehem.

In the group leaving from Little Rock were Mrs. Womack, the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Carter, Miss Gail McCammon, Mrs. Ruby Herman, Mrs. Maude Wilson, Mrs. Virginia Reeves, Mrs. Lou Calhoun and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fortney, all of North Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Copeland and Mrs. Hazel Jordan of Little Rock, and Mrs. Betty Townsend of Pine Bluff, Mrs. Mary E. Murray of Bastrop, La., and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McCracken of Russellville. Names of those participating from western Arkansas were not available.

The group plans to return Aug. 13. The tour is by arrangement of Meier International Study League, Inc.

## Wayland appointment

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at 108 South Waverly Place, Mt. Prospect, Ill. (60056).

Dr. Wayland was born at Heber Springs in 1916 and graduated from high school at North Little Rock. He holds degrees from Hendrix College (B.A. and D.D.) and Southern Methodist University (B.D.) He was pastor at Prairie Grove from 1941 to 1944 and at Central Avenue Church, Batesville, from 1944-45. He served as a chaplain in the Navy for two years.

Following his chaplain service he served as associate editor and co-editor

with his father of the **Arkansas Methodist** and **The Louisiana Methodist** and assumed the editorship of those publications upon his father's retirement in 1957.

In 1960 he was named editor of **Christian Advocate**, the church's general periodical for pastors and church leaders. In 1963 he was appointed editorial director of all general periodicals of The United Methodist Church, an office he held until assuming, in January 1972, his present assignment as CFA associate general secretary.

## North Arkansas winter tour for youth announced

A nine-day United Methodist Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., and New York City has been announced by the North Arkansas Conference. To be held Nov. 22-30, the tour is open to youth of that Conference who are in the ninth through 12th grades.

The tour will include two days in Washington, with visits to the Capitol building, the White House, Washington Cathedral, Smithsonian Institute, Mt. Vernon and numerous other points of interest. Three days in New York City will include a tour of the United Nations buildings, viewing of the Macy's Day parade, attendance at a Broadway play, visits to Radio City Music Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral and many other major points of interest.

The tour cost of \$200 includes travel by Continental Trailways bus, hotel accommodations and eight meals. The remaining meals are to be paid by the individual tour member. Registration forms and all details as to daily schedule, hotel accommodations, and a complete itinerary may be secured by writing to Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Council on Ministries, 715 Center St., Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

### UPDATE

It has been learned that among those listed as participating in the Aug. 3-20 London study tour reported in our issue of July 31, the following will not be making the trip: The Rev. Edward W. Harris, Mary L. Hatch and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Livingston, all of Little Rock, and Mr. Francis Taylor of Berryville. Some 30 ministers and lay persons from Arkansas will take part in the event, which is sponsored by an ad hoc committee of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church.

Dr. Wayland and his wife, the former Frances Stewart of Little Rock, have three sons, Ewing Tatum Wayland Jr., of Minneapolis, George Burden Wayland, who will enter the University of Illinois this fall, and Fred S. Wayland of Wheaton, Ill. They have one grandson, Jonathan Edward Wayland, born last June 24 to the Ewing Tatum Waylands.

Dr. Wayland's office will remain at 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Ill. (60201).

## At North Arkansas Laity Retreat

Judge Woodrow Seals (center) of Houston, Tex., was principal speaker at the North Arkansas Conference of the Laity held Aug. 2-3 at Mt. Sequoyah. A federal judge, civic leader and holder of numerous offices in The United Methodist Church, Judge Seals gave three addresses on the retreat theme, "Send Me, Lord." Shown with him are Conference Lay Leader Henry Rainwater (left) of Walnut Ridge and Conference Lay Leader Elect Bob Cheyne of Bentonville. Over 150 registrants and numerous others attended the event, a pictorial report of which will appear in next week's issue.



### The CIA's 'indiscretions'

Where are God's angry citizens?

We live in a time which victimizes so many of our long-established and cherished values. And a large part of such a tragedy is that so many persons are either not aware of it or have been rendered insensitive to it. They appear to have given up to the seemingly uncontrollable forces which have played havoc with some of the best of our religious and national traditions.

Take, for instance, the current status of morality. While a good case could be made that more persons today than ever are aware of human rights issues and such, it is alarmingly evident that there has been a monstrous moral erosion in this nation — a devastating drought of popular concern with "the morally right thing to do." While many in high and low places may talk a good game of morality, in too many arenas we make a pretty poor showing of it as a nation.

A current case in point — if we don't remember Watergate — is the corruption, lying, assassination plotting, law breaking, influence purchasing, etc., revealed by investigations into the Central Intelligence Agency. It is, we suspect, still a "plus" for us that we can say that "only in America" could such official "indiscretions" be made public — as though boasting of such openness somehow forgives us the indiscretions!

But it is to our shame that in America we have come to such as this — here where 200 years ago we began this experiment with the high vision that government should reflect the noblest of human ideals.

Of concern here is not just the fact of such wrong-doing. Of equal concern is whether we still have the capacity to be shocked and outraged by such revelations. There is evidence that we do not; that we have lost our keen sense of moral indignation which, we have been taught, anyway, was one of the proud traits of our forefathers.

Where indeed are the voices of outrage over these most recent disclosures? Where are we citizens who will register our disillusionment, our anger — or, if

you prefer, our "righteous indignation" — that an official agency of our government has been allowed to make such slurs on our already severely injured national image? We may not have been in the right places, but we haven't heard or sensed any great groundswell of protest — from church people or other citizens. Most Americans appear to be more concerned that the fall TV football schedule hurry up and get here than that the CIA hearings be pursued to a just end.

Our nation may have had its soul in similar jeopardy before this current trial. And this, too, will pass. But seldom have the indiscretions been so blatant, so obnoxious and repugnant to what we believe America should stand for. Our Bicentennial Celebration will be sounding brass and tinkling cymbal unless we "read, mark and inwardly digest" an ancient wisdom: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

If it is true that we no longer have the national capacity to be shocked by moral lawlessness, such a loss is surely one of our largest tragedies, one of the most significant victims to our times.

What role for the church in such matters?

While opinions would differ on specifics, surely there should be agreement that if Christian people do not respond to such a cancer upon the soul of our nation, then few others could be expected to. The church has an old message for such occasions. And that message remains the most relevant, most saving word for persons and nations to hear. What a shame if it were withheld or soft pedaled at such a time as this!

Yes — it is important that our nation have a realistic defense-oriented intelligence system. But it is more important that we have a soul which is worthy of defending.

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### Some 'congratulations!' —and a comment on the church's 'callings'

The election of Dr. Ewing T. Wayland to the office of General Secretary of our church's Council on Finance and Administration (see story, page one) is an occasion for exuberant personal expressions to a "home state boy." And these we most heartily extend! We congratulate the Council upon its election and ourselves upon the honor reflected upon us — which we naturally and properly feel. And — in a "family manner" dear to Arkansas Methodists — we share the justified pride of parents Dr. and Mrs. Edward T. Wayland, of such dear association with Methodism in our state.

The office which Ewing will assume in early May, as the chief fiscal officer of The United Methodist Church, is one of the most honored in our denomination. It is one of high responsibility, requiring a great stewardship of devotion and skill. To fulfill that responsibility is a heavy and humbling task. We rejoice that Ewing T. Wayland brings to that office a life of devoted Christian ministry, enriched by varied responsibilities which have uniquely equipped him for its demands.

He succeeds another Arkansan who has served United Methodism and his own home state well. Dr. R. Bryan Brawner, who will retire in May, has well earned the title of elder statesman and wise counselor to the church. A veteran of two careers — one of 23 years' professional service in the church and another of 23 years' service in Arkansas as a public school administrator of distinguished reputation — Dr. R. B. Brawner can look with deep satisfaction upon a life of Christian stewardship. There will be time later to properly acknowledge his contributions.

We could be excused for limiting our comments to expressions of congratulations. But the occasion offers the opportunity to mark a unique and important

characteristic of our common responsibilities and opportunities as Christian disciples.

That is that the church's callings should be like God's callings: that they are not "bestowals of honor" so much as they are callings to responsibility. So, more than anything else at this time, we would lift both Ewing Wayland and Bryan Brawner — and each of ourselves — to God, with the prayer that he sustain us and equip us all for our common ministry in this time of such great need and opportunity.

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### Off the Top of the Head

#### More from 'Wild Kingdom'

If I promise to not say anything more about my dog or my snakes for a long time, will you allow me one more episode?

No?

Well here goes, anyway. I've got a burden and I've got to tell somebody about it. And nobody else is around at the moment, so you're elected.

It's about our dog again. Ole Susio. Being mostly German Shepherd, she looks pretty tough. And when people first see her they stand their distance and say something like "Boy! I'll bet she really is a good watchdog!" or something like that.

That's where my problem comes in. I really don't know what to say. I'd like to respond with a comment like "The world's best! She'll tear your leg off in a minute!" or "You better believe it! She ate three U.S. Postpersons for breakfast just this morning!"

But I can't say those things. The fact is that Susio is your original pacifist. She won't even bark at a stray cat. She smiles at every stranger that comes around the place and wags her tail and jumps up and down when the garbage people bang the cans around. And she thinks "Sic 'em, girl!" means "shake hands."

It's really quite embarrassing, but that's the way it is. And your dogs are kind of like your children — you love them for what they are. So, Susio — you great big sissy, you — we love you anyway!

But one word of caution to any strangers who might come around with evil intent: she may not scare you off, but she'll love you to death!

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#### Cold turkey

Since I gave up writing pom's I've gained five lbs.

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## 'Godspell' entrances Youth Rally

A review by Richard Butler\*

In one way or another, good Christian worship has, throughout centuries, combined good music, visual stimuli and dramatic effect in such a way as to make man's response to God meaningful to all sorts and conditions of men. The musical production *Godspell* — based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew — can be a vehicle for a practical liturgy as well as good theater, proving that both can go hand in hand.

When I learned that the project for the first annual Music-Art-Drama (MAD) Camp at Tanako was the presentation of the version of *Godspell* at the Little Rock Conference's Youth Rally after only one week of rehearsals and technical preparation, I was very skeptical. The New York and national touring company productions took months to prepare.

The Rev. Carr D. Racop, director of "MAD Camp," was faced with many setbacks. There was no way to know before the first day of the encampment what talent would be available. The



selected dramatic coach was unable to attend, and Bill Fuller, the able young Director of Youth and activities at First Church, Little Rock, assumed those duties by default, as well as being the musical conductor. The performance he directed and conducted was truly inspired.

Buddy Boyd, almost voiceless from fatigue and fever, performed very effectively as Jesus Christ with an Afro hairdo. Hastily concocted cue cards were distractingly projected onto the back wall to ease his discomfort. Part of the Camp Tanako counseling staff had auditioned to fill out the cast and orchestra; The six-man band was held together by Ronald Ballard's piano music. Under the direction of the Rev. Robert VanHook, lighting and a set had to be designed at Tanako so they could be transported and erected in Little Rock. Russ Racop coordinated and controlled the sound system.

Scott McLeod as John the Baptist chanted the entrance song "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," and Bryn Wood sang the familiar and prayerful "Day by Day," both revealing hitherto unknown talents. Scott Dillard and the chorus got it going antiphonally in the litany-like "We Beseech Thee, Hear Us." Jacque Wasson was the center of attention as

she weaved her way through the packed audience singing and the swinging Schwartz setting of the Clifford Bax hymn, "Turn back, O Man," a plea for man's repentance from the foolish ways of war, hate and destruction.

Young Tom Grable, a Missouri import to MAD Camp, in his innocent interpretation of "Light of the world" and his performance in the prodigal son parable, turned out to be one of the stars of the show. Debbie Carter, a remarkable young soloist, sang "O Bless the Lord, my Soul." A dramatic mood change in the play came when Lynn Ramage and Ellen Alston sang "Far beyond where the horizon lies and the land sinks into mellow blueness . . . I'll take your hand, finally glad that you are here by my side."

Mr. Racop, in his introductory remarks, predicted that many would weep when Stephen Coburn as Judas the betrayer kissed Jesus. But by kiss time, tears were already falling, triggered by a hauntingly beautiful soft chorus, delicately accompanied by flutist Wendy Efird, singing "On the willows there we hung up our lives, for our captors there required of us songs; and our tormentors mirth . . . But how shall we sing . . . the Lord's song in a foreign land?"

The performance ended with a with-

drawing procession, among the floored audience, of the cast chanting "Long live God" with a reprise of "Prepare ye" super-intoned as they returned to the stage for much-deserved bows.

The experience of MAD Camp, demonstrates the creativity that can emerge from the freedom of an unstructured time frame. This creativity is exemplified by the campers working out the dramatizations of the parables — a much more memorable experience for them than could have come out of a classroom lecture setting.

The MAD Camp experiment again proved what is possible when the odds seem insurmountable. Mr. Racop announced unnecessarily that the doors were to be locked during the performance; no one wanted to leave anyway.

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### Council Directors to Local Churches

## Program Suggestions

Listed below you will find program suggestions which can be used in your local church. Perhaps you have already planned for the observance of some of these events. Adapt these suggestions, using what you need, as you plan in your church.

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Plan for **World Communion Sunday, Oct. 5.** Pastors will receive sample packets of materials and order forms. Use the order forms to secure your materials. As United Methodists we are invited to participate in the World Communion Offering, which supports three specialized ministries of our church.

One half of this special offering is designated for the Crusade Scholarship Program of the Board of Global Minis-

tries. Crusade Scholarships make possible post-graduate and professional educational opportunities for Christian young adults from all parts of the world.

One fourth of the **World Communion Offering** provides funds for the Minority Scholarship Program, administered by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the United Methodist Ethnic Scholarship Committee. It helps young Christians from minority groups to gain a college education.

The other one fourth of the offering provides the total support for the work of the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. The Division recruits, examines, endorses and oversees the United Methodist ministers who serve as civilian and military chaplains.

We should all plan to be participants in this spiritually significant observance on

Oct. 5, affirming our oneness in Christ with our presence and our gifts.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Check on plans for Christian Education Sunday and Week in September. **Christian Education Sunday is Sept. 28; and Christian Education Week is Sept. 28-Oct. 4.**

The Christian Education Week mailing from the Board of Discipleship was scheduled to go out to all pastors during the middle of July. This is about a month earlier than previous years and should help to eliminate many of the delivery problems we have had in the past. The theme will be "The Church School: Something Good is Happening!"

The mailing will include a covering letter, a sample folder containing an interpretation of the theme and a

dedication service for church school teachers and workers, an idea piece with a list of suggested resources, and appropriate order forms.

### PLANNING CONFERENCE

If a planning conference of your Council on Ministries and Administrative Board was not held earlier in the year, make plans now for one to be held in September or October.

In planning for 1976, you will want to consider the program of the Annual Conference as adopted in May, 1975. You will also want to consider any program goals or priorities determined by your District Council on Ministries. With these as the foundation, design a custom-made program of activities that will specifically meet the needs of your church.

# NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard



**Charles Redmond**, public information specialist for the National Aeronautic and Space Administration in Houston, says Christians who are engaged in a letter-writing campaign defending the right of American astronauts to read from the Bible while in outer space are involved in a useless endeavor. The issue was settled years ago in the courts and "what the astronauts say is their own business," according to Mr. Redmond.

**Resettlement of Indochina refugees** in the U.S. has, to date, been easier than expected, according to the Rev. John Schauer of Church World Service. But he said it will become more difficult, especially if government administrative snags are not cleared quickly. Mr. Schauer was reached in Washington where he and colleagues from Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Jewish and private agencies were meeting and taking part in Congressional hearings designed to end "bureaucratic bottlenecks" hampering the resettlement effort.

**Led by the National Back to God Movement** based in Washington, 148 national, regional, state and local organizations, religious and secular, have indicated in writing their support of a "united effort to restore prayer in public schools." Mrs. Bennett G. Miller, national coordinator, earlier this year distributed a poll to all 534 members of House and Senate asking if they would vote for such a bill. Of 155 responding, only nine indicated they would not vote for the prayer bill.

**U. S. Attorney General Edward H. Levi** has declared that the 18 per cent increase in serious crime in the U. S. during the first three months of 1975 "again points up the need to improve the nation's criminal justice system." He described the growth of crime as "one of the terrifying facts of life, which we have come to accept as normal, and which we must not accept as normal."



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## Women Without Rights

**BRAAMFONTEIN, South Africa** — Ellen Kuzwayo is the general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association of South Africa. She has some strong ideas about the status of the black women, and especially black mothers, in her country. Interviewed recently in Braamfontein, near Johannesburg, she had this to say about black mothers in South African society: "The black mother has a double load to bear. Not only is she discriminated against by the South African government, but also by her tribal law. She is regarded by both as a minor, and has very few legal rights. Her employment opportunities are poor, her wages low. She is generally a dehumanized person."

**Judy Trotter**, editor of a magazine for Christian youth told the annual meeting of the North American Christian Convention meeting in Detroit that "to say that women are equal to men is like saying that a giraffe is equal to a telephone pole just because both are tall." Ms. Trotter urged her audience to recognize "that women are complementary to men with their own unique gifts, thinking, and talents to contribute. To say that women are lesser than men is to negate God's creation, to discount the perfection in His scheme of life ..."

**A total of 57** apparently new privately controlled colleges and universities came into existence during the 1974-75 academic year, bringing the total in that category to 1,585, reports the National Center for Education Statistics in Washington. This includes religious institutions of learning.

**Infant baptism** will remain the policy of the British Methodist Church as the result of a decision by the 1975 Conference. The Conference rejected a plea that ministers who may not wish to baptize infants be allowed to remain in full connection with the Church.

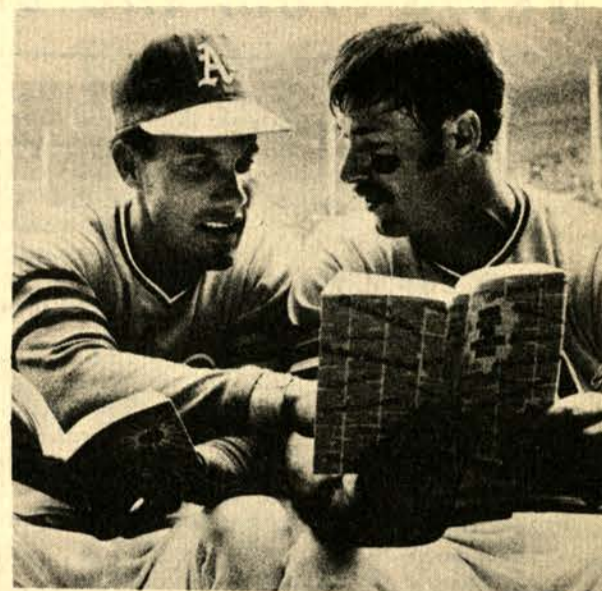
**Dr. J. Russell Chandran**, principal of United Theological College in Bangalore, India, has defended Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's emergency proclamations that have suspended some civil rights and jailed thousands. His statement, issued on behalf of the Christian Union of India, said that "the freedom provided by our democracy was grossly misused and democracy was being undermined." He advocated a curb on monopolists, landlords and multinational corporations. Dr. Chandran's statement is believed to represent views of a growing number allied with the leftist Christian Peace Conference.

**Angola's United Methodist Bishop Emilio de Carvalho** said in a letter to U.S. United Methodist leaders that "forces of reaction" are playing a major role in continuing bloody conflict between two major "liberation movements" in the vast Portuguese colony, which will secure independence in November. Bishop Carvalho announced that the August annual conference of his Church has been postponed.

**Following a stirring message** by Dr. Hedly W. Plunkett, president of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the 1975 British Methodist Conference adopted a proposal for a center of reconciliation for Northern Ireland. The Rev. Harry O. Morton, former president of the British Methodist Conference, made this proposal and two others which were adopted. One gives backing to the newly-elected Constitutional Convention and the other states the conviction that Britain has a moral and legal right to keep the peace in Ulster.

**Dr. Dan M. Potter**, speaking at the National Bicentennial Day of Prayer observance at the Church Center for the United Nations, told the audience "Many of us gathered here today believe that God is on the throne of history." Dr. Potter is executive director of the Council of Churches of the City of New York. He called for dedication "to help God fulfill His historic purposes of freedom, liberty and justice in this new republic."

**The Hungarian Reformed Church of America** and its top officials have adopted a resolution requesting that the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, the President, Secretary of State and Congress of the United States "immediately undertake steps aimed at stopping ... a new wave of persecution of Hungarians in Transylvania by the Romanian Government, especially the 1.2 million members of the Hungarian Reformed Church."



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## Bibles For Baseball

**NEW YORK** — Bert Campaneris and Gene Tenace, stars of the Oakland Athletics, examine the Today's Spanish and Today's English New Testaments donated by the American Bible Society for the nationwide Baseball Chapel program. Founded by Watson Spaelstra, a former sports writer and one-time president of the Baseball Writers Association of America, Baseball Chapel involves all 24 major league teams. The program organizes and provides speakers for pregame services on Sundays during the baseball season, when many ball players find themselves unable to attend church ... Mr. Spaelstra notes that "attendance is way beyond what I expected, but this does not mean the players are pious or claim to be saints or anything; I think a lot of guys are just checking things out ... looking for the answers."

**Mrs. Norma Herndon**, a Southern Baptist missionary stationed in Lisbon, has reported that a Baptist book store and Portuguese Baptist groups are flourishing despite the nation's political turmoil.

**The Churches of Finland** held a special ecumenical service July 31st on the occasion of the summit-level meeting in Helsinki of the European Security Conference where leaders of 35 nations, including President Gerald Ford, gathered. More than 90 per cent of the nearly 5 million population of Finland belong to the established Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**A Foreign Ministry communique** issued in Bogota, Colombia on July 22 announced the withdrawal of that country's Ambassador to Honduras in protest over the murder of a Colombian Roman Catholic priest and a woman lay assistant. The killings took place some distance north of Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital, when troops moved in to prevent landless peasants from marching to the capital to press the government for land reform.

**Dr. Kurt Scharf**, Evangelical bishop of Berlin, believes history is repeating itself in the crisis of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Chile where state political pressure is ousting the bishop and the majority of pastors from their legal positions. Dr. Scharf said events in Chile parallel the takeover of the Evangelical Church in Germany by the Nazis in 1933.

**Mrs. Kazuko Ishida**, of Tokyo, Japan, has for the past four years served as organist at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the strife-torn city of Jerusalem. In addition, she has promoted interreligious cooperation by presenting concerts that have attracted Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Mrs. Ishida, who holds a master's degree in sacred music from Union Theological Seminary in New York, is returning to Tokyo with her husband, Dr. Tomoo Ishida, who recently obtained his doctorate at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Dr. Ishida plans to establish a faculty of Western Asian history and archaeology at the new University of Tsukuba, near Tokyo.

# News from the churches

THE REV. AND MRS. Robert V. Marble, missionaries to India, were at First Church, Searcy, recently to present an official report of their mission work. A churchwide potluck dinner honored the Marbles.

THE REV. JOHN M. McCORMACK, pastor of First Church, Harrison, was a recent guest speaker in First Church, Benton, where he also administered the sacrament of baptism to his granddaughter, Meredith Anne McCormack, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dean McCormack.

THE REV. AND MRS. Charles Shepard of Wilmore Ky., presented a musical ministry concert in First Church, Jonesboro, for a recent Sunday-at-Six service.

THE REV. W. GLENN BRUNNER, retired minister from Jonesboro, was a recent pulpit guest in First United Methodist Church, Marked Tree.

THE REV. RAY BURROW, pastor of First Church, Stephens, has developed a visitation program for shut-ins recently, taping some of his sermons for home listening.

DR. AND MRS. ROY I. BAGLEY, pastor of First Church, El Dorado, are in Aspen, Colo., where Dr. Bagley is engaging in summer studies sponsored by Iliff School of Theology. He is auditing courses on "Great Books of Faith" and "American Theology: A Regional Approach."

THE REV. WAYNE CLARK, pastor of Indian Hills Church, North Little Rock, was the evangelist for recent revival services at Marvell United Methodist Church.

DR. MARSHALL T. STEEL, former president of Hendrix College, recently presented the messages for a revival at Altheimer United Methodist Church.

HUNTER CHURCH, Little Rock, has scheduled a churchwide retreat at Camp Tanako, Aug. 23-24. Plans include activities for all ages, a campfire worship service and small group discussions in addition to various forms of recreation.

MR. AND MRS. HORACE JONES, the two oldest members in the Mountain View United Methodist Church, Fort Smith District, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary recently with an open house. Their granddaughters, Mrs. Leon Cox of Irving, Tex., and Mrs. Wayne Rankin of Van Buren were hostesses for the event.

THE REV. GEORGE L. MCGHEHEY, retired minister living in Jonesboro, preached at Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, recently.

THE YOUTH DEPARTMENTS of Grand Avenue and First United Methodist Churches in Stuttgart have planned a joint youth activities program. Bowers and Britt, two young men who present their witness through music, will lead the group in drama and contemporary worship services in addition to their musical ministry.

THE YOUTH of Oaklawn and Grand Avenue United Methodist Churches in Hot Springs recently shared in a Youth Activities Week. Dr. John P. Miles, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, was the evening inspirational speaker for the three-day event.

NEW UMY OFFICERS at First Church, Texarkana are: Senior High — Donna Ruggles, president; Debbie Freeze, vice president; Mildred Cook, secretary-treasurer, and Ray White, council representative. Junior High — Lee Beeson, president; Becca McDonald, vice president; Jamie Adams, secretary-treasurer, and Ellen Harrison, council representative.

THE YOUTH of Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, have recently completed a Youth Church in Action Week during which they presented a puppet show for residents of the Arkansas Children's Colony in Jonesboro, gave a bingo party at a local nursing home and cleaned the church building.

THE REV. MARVEST LAWSON, associate pastor at Central Church, Fayetteville, presented the message in that church on a recent Sunday morning and was honored at a reception following the service. Mr. Lawson, recently retired from the U.S. Navy chaplaincy, was stationed at Concord, Calif., before coming to Fayetteville.

DR. JOHN P. MILES, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, will be the revival speaker for joint services to be held at England and Keo United Methodist Churches, Aug. 10-14. Services will begin at 7:30 on Sunday and will continue nightly at that hour through Thursday at the England Church. Morning services will be held in the Keo Church at 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Aubrey Knight, choir director for the England church, and the adult and children's choirs, will have charge of music.

WINSLOW CHURCH, Fayetteville District, held vacation church school recently with 33 children present. Several laypersons of the church presented short devotionals before each session. Miss Linda Stockburger was director of the school.

## Personalia

THE REV. CHARLIE MASHBURN, retired member of Little Rock Conference, and Mrs. Mashburn, are recuperating from a car accident which occurred in California. They are now at Kingman, Ariz., and plan to return to their Hot Springs home this fall.

THE REV. RALPH EDWIN BLANKS, of Little Rock has been awarded the master of divinity degree at Drew University, Madison, N.J. A graduate from Hendrix College at Conway, Blanks also holds a certificate from the University of Graz, and has served as pastor of churches in Burlington, N.J. He is currently affiliated with the Westfield Community Center, Westfield, N.J.

## WOMEN'S DAY

Mrs. James E. Nix, president of the Little Rock Conference organization of United Methodist Women, will be the guest speaker for Women's Day at White Memorial United Methodist Church in Little Rock on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 11 a.m.

Visitors from Duncan and Wesley United Methodist Churches will participate in the service which will follow the theme, "One in Spirit." Special music will be presented by the ladies' chorus. Participants will include also, Mrs. Jo Freda Richards, chairperson, Mrs. Zenobia Waters, president, and the Rev. Varnell Norman, pastor. The public is invited.

## MRS. DELIA B. BETHELL

Mrs. Delia Bourland Bethell of Little Rock, long-time member and leader in First United Methodist Church, died July 30. The widow of Henry B. Bethell, she served for four years as state welfare commissioner during the administration of Governor Sidney S. McMath.

Mrs. Bethell was founder and for 53 years teacher of the Bethell Sunday School Class and was an honorary life member of the church's Administrative Board. As state welfare commissioner from 1949 to 1953 she participated in numerous major national conferences and served in 1950 as a delegate to the first White House Conference on Aging, attending the same year the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

On frequent occasions she represented the Arkansas and four-state region Social Security Administration in district conferences and took part in various national programs of social workers and related professionals.

During World War II Mrs. Bethell served as co-chairperson, and later chairperson of the Red Cross Nurses' Aides. She was a director of the Abigail Robertson Scholarship Fund, organized 33 years ago to provide business education for young women with rural backgrounds. She also served on the Visiting Nurse Board and the state Welfare Board.

She is survived by a son, Edgar E. Bethell of Fort Smith, and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was July 31 at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Alvin C. Murray officiating. Burial was at Oakland Mausoleum.

THE REV. CARR DEE RACOP, associate director of the Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries, was a recent pulpit guest in First Church, DeWitt.



DEDICATED at Wade's Chapel on a recent Sunday to the memory of the late John D. Sample were a new communion table, pulpit desk and chair. Shown here is Church Treasurer, Mrs. Sample (third from left, front), with the Sample's children and all but one grandchild.

## TIME TO REGISTER FOR LAY MEN'S ASSEMBLY AT CAMP TANAKO

Persons wishing to attend the Little Rock Conference Lay Men's Assembly, Aug. 16-17 at Camp Tanako should register at once. Pre-registrations should include the registrant's name, mailing address, name of church and district. (Do not send money. Pay at camp.) Send registration to: Mr. B. F. Allbright, 316 North Schiller, Little Rock, Ark. 72205.

## MRS. GERTRUDE E. CRABTREE

Mrs. Gertrude E. Crabtree of Clarendon, widow of John W. Crabtree Sr., died July 11. She was 84 and had been a Methodist since childhood and a member of the Clarendon United Methodist Church since 1930.

The daughter of James M. and Bertha Dudgeon Hawks, a pioneer Corning family, Mrs. Crabtree was born in Corning on Dec. 18, 1890. She was the eldest in a family of ten children. She attended school at Lindenwood in St. Charles, Mo., and married John W. Crabtree on June 15, 1908. He preceded her in death in 1945.

Survivors include a son, John W. Crabtree Jr., of Clarendon; four daughters, Mrs. Dorothy E. Richardson of Clarendon, Mrs. Louise Launius of West Helena, Mrs. Bertha Margaret Axley of England and Mrs. Mary Louella Wesner of Tennessee; three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Oliver Jr., of Corning, Mrs. Julia Cox of Indiana and Mrs. Irene Taylor of Memphis; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was at Clarendon United Methodist Church with the Rev. D. Leon Gilliam, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery.

THE REV. WILLIAM D. ELLIOTT, pastor at Monticello, attended a seminar taught by Dr. Karl Menninger at Ghost Ranch Study Center, Abiquiu, New Mexico, July 13-28. Dr. Menninger is director of the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kansas. The Revs. Rufus Sorrells and David Swift preached at First Church, Monticello during the pastor's absence.

## PENSION FUND GIFT Little Rock Conference

In Honor Of  
DR. E. CLIFTON RULE  
by Mrs. Henry G. Dietrich



BAPTIZED in the last service held in the old church at Foreman were the four children shown here with their parents. Standing at far left (in the shadows) is Mr. Hearon Atkinson, the first person to be baptized in that church. The building is now being demolished to make way for a new structure.

## Daily Bible Readings

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Readings, which the Board of Discipleship invites you to use as a regular guide in your homes.

Aug. 10—Sunday ..... I Kings 19:4-6  
Aug. 11 ..... Gen. 15:1-5  
Aug. 12 ..... Heb. 11:8-12  
Aug. 13 ..... Matt. 15:22-28  
Aug. 14 ..... Luke 18:10-14  
Aug. 15 ..... Psalm 27:3-5  
Aug. 16 ..... Heb. 12:3-6  
Aug. 17—Sunday ..... Phil. 2:12-13

# United Methodist Youth in action



## Prescott Youth Share Worship Experience

Senior highs of First United Methodist and First Presbyterian at Prescott recently joined forces for a weekend of fun and fellowship at Self Creek. Under the supervision of youth director Nancy Wright and other adult counselors, activities included skiing, swimming, roller skating and evening periods of devotion. On Sunday morning they invited nearby campers to share in a service of worship.

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## Mt. Pleasant Youth Collect Clothing For Refugees

Preparing to send boxes of clothing they have gathered and packed to Vietnamese refugees at Camp Chaffee are the youth shown here with Jean Spence, youth coordinator, and Georgie Garber, counselor, at Mt. Pleasant Church, Little Rock.

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## Huntington Youth Present Bibles And Flags To Church

At right Lynita Cooksey of Huntington Avenue UMY, Jonesboro, presents Bible to the Rev. James R. Chandler, minister — one of 120 Bibles purchased by the youth for their church. Various money-making projects sponsored by the youth provided funds for the purchase of the Bibles in addition to a Christian flag and a U.S. flag for the sanctuary — all dedicated during a recent Sunday morning worship service.

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## Grand Prairie Sub-District Announces Meeting Schedule

At an executive meeting held recently at Lonoke, Grand Prairie Sub-District officers scheduled the following meetings for 1975-'76: Sept. 14 — Des Arc, Oct. 12 — Bethlehem, Nov. 9 — Mt. Tabor and Mt. Zion, Dec. 14 — Hamilton, Jan. 11 — Carlisle, Feb. 8 — Lonoke, March 14 — Des Arc, April 11 — Bethlehem, and May 9 — Mt. Tabor and Mt. Zion.

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## Grand Avenue Youth Assist Mentally Retarded

A group of 10 youth of Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, and summer youth directors, the Revs. Billy and Connie Steele, volunteered to work for two weeks at Garland County Association for Mentally Retarded Children's Camp. They are shown assisting with swimming. Other activities included other forms of recreation, arts and crafts, music and drama.

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## Pine Bluff Ringers Attend National Festival

Handbell Choirs of First and Lakeside United Methodist Churches in Pine Bluff, recently returned from the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers National Festival at Jekyll Island, Ga. They were among 1300 ringers from throughout the U.S., Great Britain and Canada. Each attending choir soloed at concerts held throughout the four-day event which climaxed on the final night with a massed concert. Accompanying the choirs were the directors, Mrs. Harry Fite, First Church

(with choir at right), Mrs. Ed Matthews (with Lakeside choirs at left and center), and seven adult chaperones. The 1977 festival will be held at Amherst College in Massachusetts.

for August 17, 1975



## Becoming Christlike In Our Relationships

by WAYNE S. WHITE

**ORIENTATION:** In this unit on Christian Growth we often imply that personal growth is an individual, solitary affair. But a Christian is one who is Christian both in solitude and in society. The issue this week is, How do we both as persons and as a divine community, the Church, use our resources to fulfill our lives and find community with God? How can the Church be a preparation for living in peace with those who differ from us, or even reject our philosophy of life?

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** Romans 12:9-21; 14:1 through 15:6; I Corinthians 12.

**PURPOSE OF THE LESSON:** The Bible passages for this week speak about ways to be Christlike. We are called to be Christlike in our relationships. When Charles M. Laymon saw an ad asking for support of The National Center for Voluntary Action in a denominational magazine he thought it also called us to be Christlike. The ad said: "Wanted! 700,000 busy executives who can: Hug, Tutor, Listen, Play. This is an appeal for volunteers who could spend some time each week 'with someone who needs a hand, not a handout'."

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### The Bible Helps Us Be Christlike In Our Relationships

To be Christlike is to share the spirit, the values, and the purposes of Jesus. A review of the spiritual sources and the high points of Jesus' life, and to study again his work and his teachings would enable us to be more exact in our discussion of Christlike relationships. It is not enough to say that Jesus talked and practiced the way of love. This oversimplifies his power and nobility.

We Americans do not realize what love meant to Jesus. Our current understanding of the word is inadequate. We need to remind ourselves that the original language of the New Testament has four words for love. The word for love which Jesus used, agape, can be better translated by at least four English words to approximate the meaning of the word which Jesus used and demonstrated with his life.

The four words are: understanding, respect, appreciation and cooperation. If we merely say "spiritual love" we only suggest that there is something more to "love" than the ordinary meaning of it. Look again at the way the Gospels use the word love and try to include the four words mentioned above as you interpret it. These four qualities are badly needed, especially when we believe that the Christian's final goal of maturity and life is love to man and God.

Understanding, respect, appreciation and cooperation help us share God's purposes. By adding them in as we read the Bible we come to a new insight into the Christian way. See the helpfulness of the Good Samaritan, for example, as growing out of understanding the suffering plight of the hurt man by the side of the road. Respect, appreciation and then how he applied the attitude of cooperation both to the wounded man and to God whom he served, motivated him.

Forgiveness of enemies and persecutors may result from these four qualities in application. Jesus must have used them in praying for the forgiveness of the Romans and Jews who put him to death. This helps us see Jesus as the

highest embodiment of grace and mercy which developed through many centuries of Hebrew loyalty to the Father — God. Today the question before all Christians is, can we express in our changing, confused world the real love which blesses all deep, fine relationships?

The way of love is the way of God. In this we affirm the Biblical insights into the nature of God (I John). The real nature of the universe confirms it. The creation of the earth through millions of years was preparation and concern for man. "The Lord's endless mercy" seen both in physical creation to provide for human needs and to challenge man's growth, as well as in history as lessons are slowly learned and mercy offers new hope after failures.

The Christian who is in tune with divine love is achieving self-realization and growing toward maturity. He is not separated from God, but is at one with him. The Christian person need not strive for fellowship with God, which he always and now possesses. He never assumes that God is away from him, nor does he plead for God to hear and respond, since God is within.

### God's Children In His Church Family

The insights of the individual are corroborated and fulfilled as they are expressed in group relationships. The promptings and whispers of the Father of our spirits are tested, validated, and empowered in companionship with people. Much of the communion of the spirit may come to the Christian when he is alone, but confirmed in fellowship with others. For he is not an only child. The witness is that we are children, not that I am the child of God.

Through the fellowship of the Church "we have a unique opportunity to love one another into maturity" (Turkington, in Adult Bible Studies).

"If you present your bodies as a living sacrifice" writes the Apostle Paul to the new church in Rome, then you carry out the covenant relation with God. Then your life is wholly sanctified and dedicated. This puts first things first. The things of God and the purposes of God come before the appetites, the material wants and other accessories of a non-Christian style of life.

The Christian who dedicates his body is in control. He may use material things in Christ's spirit for others' needs. His appetites are under control, and subject to divine guidance and use. He limits his needs so that he can share food, money and time to help meet the many human needs of our distressed world. He finds that pride, selfish moods and aggressions are greatly reduced when the energy of life is directed to service.

The Church, too, is called to dedication. It, like an individual, needs to present itself as a living sacrifice. When a church is totally dedicated it blesses its members with spiritual wholeness. Members find little time or need for strife, self-interest and rivalry.

Paul summons the Church today as he did the early Roman Church to set a tone of dedicated purpose. The Apostle helped many of those Christians in the first churches to become more Christlike through and within the church. He encouraged them to set a great witness as they confronted a hostile society.

He wrote the greatest essay on love (agape) which has ever been written. He applied love to the problems of moral and spiritual living of the

church folks. Their problems were amazingly similar to those of today's church people. He called upon the Church members to take one step toward obtaining the spirit of love by imaginatively presenting their bodies in the ancient ritual sacrifice.

### Church Growth In Togetherness

God planned the church to provide growth for Christians. It is a great opportunity for practice in living as Christians. "How do Christians grow? By the way we act and react toward one another, those with whom we live, work, play and worship. We come into being, in the deepest sense, by our relationships" (Adult Bible Studies).

Let us consider how, in our church, we act and react toward one another. Do we appreciate others as persons? To hear a man say as he concludes a phone conversation, "I appreciate you, and am glad for this talk," is one of life's heartening experiences. This man I refer to is a rare soul, a genuine Christian, and a delightful gentleman. Our Church appreciates what he means to the membership but he rejects honors. His life and giving is part of the true spirit of goodwill in practice; his words testify to the spirit within. His presence in a group is an encouragement to free but honest discussion.

Do we carry out the four-word definition of love in our relations to other members of our Church? (Understand, respect, appreciate, cooperate). And do we react positively and pleasantly to all other members? Do some soul-searching before you answer; do we warm up to those we don't play golf with? and someone who lives on the other side of the tracks? or who drives a very old car? or a pickup? Are we as friendly to the old-timers as to the new members? and to those who do not dress in late style?

How do we treat the one who asks pointed, disturbing questions in our Sunday School class? or the one who brought as a guest someone of another nationality? or if our church is not integrated, how do we treat the member who brought a Black (or White) Methodist?

As we ask ourselves if we are growing in our church experience remember the touchy times. What did we do about someone who irritates us?

How the Christian life differs from others is well stated in Bishop Robinson's little book: "It is common life uncommonly good; ordinary life transformed into something extraordinary. We catch ourselves saying sometimes, 'This is the life!' When perhaps even momentarily existence becomes blissful, transfigured, shared. And this is what more and more people are realizing today has escaped them. There is a revolt against the world we have to live in because it doesn't give life but death" (The Difference . . . In Being A Christian Today).

You often talk about Christianity with your friends, and especially your Church groups. Have you ever asked yourself what you mean using familiar words and phrases about the life of the spirit? How can we communicate rich experiences if we do not use words? And the words must mean what we intend them to mean. Religious sounding words can cause trouble, for they are sometimes not genuine. Better use simple or secular terms and be honest about it.

# 'What is an evangelical?' asks Good News

## 'Affirmation of Scriptural Christianity' issued

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. (UMC) — The Good News Board of Directors released a 1500-word "Affirmation of Scriptural Christianity for United Methodists" here July 21-24 during the sixth annual "Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity."

Dr. Paul A. Mickey, a professor at Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N.C., said the statement is being offered to the church as "theological clarity in a time of theological confusion." In the future he said individuals will be asked to sign the statement as their affirmation and as their indication of support. Dr. Mickey is chairman of a Good News theology and doctrine task force.

Although United Methodism is a pluralistic denomination, Dr. Mickey said Good News believes there is a core of theological doctrine which is essential. Beyond that there are opinions which are important but which are not essential to salvation.

The belief that Jesus will return is essential, he illustrated, but the "time table or mode of transportation" is not.

Dr. Mickey said the task force first thought of preparing a short paragraph to explain the theological position of Good News but decided the Apostles' Creed already said it better.

While he hopes the United Methodist Church in general will accept the statement, Dr. Mickey stressed he was not saying that to be a United Methodist one must subscribe to it.

In the preamble, the Affirmation says Good News understands the historic faith of the Church as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, and in John Wesley's standard *Sermons* and the *Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament*. "We affirm in their entirety the validity and integrity of these expressions of Scriptural truth, and recognize them as the doctrinal standards of our denomination," the statement says.

In its "contemporary restatement of these truths," the affirmation includes statements on "The Holy Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Humanity, the Holy Scriptures, Salvation, the Church and Ethics." Copies

may be ordered from the Good News Office, 329 East Main Street, Wilmore, Ky. 40390 for three cents a copy or \$3 a hundred.

Dr. Mickey said the affirmation was developed because of a need to "explain who we are" as evangelicals, not as a reaction to the 1972 General Conference doctrinal statement which emphasized pluralism.

### What Is An Evangelical?

Dr. Edmund W. Robb, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Lubbock, Tex., and a speaker at the convocation, offered his definition of an evangelical:

"An evangelical affirms the scriptures as inspired revelation — authoritative and normative for our faith — the written Word of God.

"An evangelical affirms the priority of evangelism, missions and Christian education."

Dr. Robb said unlike some fundamentalists, evangelicals do not see themselves as having negative or critical

spirits. "The evangelical is not calling for a return to the 19th Century; does not despise scholarship; is not anti-scientific; and is not a separatist but a churchman in the best sense of the term," he said.

The enlightened evangelical, he added, will have a "sensitive social conscience and be involved in the world redemptively in the name and spirit of Christ."

The Rev. Robert Sprinkle, minister of outreach for the St. Petersburg, Fla. District, spoke for a General Conference political strategy task force. From 30 to 50 persons are being recruited and trained to help keep evangelicals informed, issue a daily newsletter, and direct worship and prayer services at the Portland, Ore. meeting. Individuals are being encouraged to submit petitions of their own related to several concerns highlighted by Good News but no effort will be made to submit identical petitions as was done in 1972.

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## From Our Readers

### 'ELECTRONIC' GIVING — 'GOD IS NOT READY FOR THIS'

To the Editor:

I don't know if you are still publishing letters sent in by readers, but this way of giving to the church by electronic transfer of tithes and offerings that has been explained in the *Arkansas Methodist* (issue of July 24), which The United Methodist Church is cooperating in, has really bothered me. Mr. Lott, who is the leader in this, said "Local church members may not be ready for this." Well, I don't think God is ready for this either.

Why does the church have to conform to the world's way of doing things? It might help our image if, as Paul said, we were "peculiar," or different. From the very beginning the giving of tithes and offerings has been a part of worship. God made this rule, and if I am going to believe any part of the Bible, I am going to have to believe this part, and I happen to believe that God has not changed and neither has his word.

Each person must worship for himself. This is something the bank or no other agency can do for him, thank God; and if a person is too busy to take his offerings to the church himself and enter into this part of the worship service, he had better get "unbusy."

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: Bring an offering and come into his courts: Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness" (Psalms 96:8-9). "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now, in the presence of all the people." . . . God stressed over and over again the importance of giving as a part of worship.

I hope and pray that we will not become "numbers" in the church as we have in the business world, but will remain active, participating persons in this area of the worship service.

Personally I think the Methodist Church is making a mistake in participating in this. God's way is good enough for me.

Mrs. Guy D. Sawyer  
3612 Baseline Rd.  
Little Rock, Ark.

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(Letters continued, page ten)

## 'Evangelical' jurisdiction, seminaries suggested at 'Good News' convocation

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C.(UMC) — A separate jurisdiction for evangelicals within United Methodism and the designation of at least two of the denomination's 13 seminaries as evangelical schools were among suggestions offered by speakers here July 21-24 during the sixth annual Good News convocation.

Suggesting the possibility of a separate jurisdiction was the Rev. Michael Walker, pastor of Salem-Kinser United Methodist Church in Greenville, Tex., and a former Good News board member.

*Good News* is the name of a quarterly magazine published by the unofficial "Forum for Scriptural Christianity within the United Methodist Church," but is also the term commonly used to identify the evangelical movement which began in 1966.

In the first major address at the convocation, Mr. Walker highlighted concerns such as doctrinal pluralism and membership decline and suggested directions the church must take in order to be faithful to scriptural Christianity.

Last among these suggestions was a call for denominational and evangelical leaders to study and consider the possibility of a nongeographic evangelical jurisdiction modeled after the former Methodist Central (black) Jurisdiction. The new unit, he suggested, could include evangelical pastors and churches, develop programs to meet the distinct needs of evangelicals, relate to evangelical schools, and elect its own bishops.

### Seminaries Under Fire

United Methodist seminaries came under strong fire from Dr. Edmund W. Robb, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Lubbock, Tex., and a member of the Good News board. Declaring that United Methodism is a "sick denomination" because of weak and ineffective ministerial leadership, he said seminaries bear a major portion of the responsibility. "If we have a sick church it is largely because we have sick seminaries," he said.

He also charged that United Metho-

dist seminaries misrepresent evangelical theology. "I know of no United Methodist seminary where the historic Wesleyan biblical perspective is presented seriously, even as an option," he said.

Proposing that two of the denomination's seminaries be "entrusted to evangelical boards of trustees and continued as official United Methodist seminaries," Dr. Robb said they could share in all current denominational funding and responsibilities given to any other United Methodist seminaries.

"The money and help is available. The students are waiting. I predict in a short time these two seminaries would become among the largest theological schools in our denomination."

He also called for more evangelical scholars on theological school faculties and for greater denominational support to "the established independent theological seminaries, especially those of the Wesleyan-Arminian tradition."

If all else fails, Dr. Robb said it may be necessary for evangelical United Methodists to establish a new, independent theological seminary.

"Let us serve notice, here and now, that we will no longer turn over our converts to the theological liberals who neither understand nor teach the biblical faith," he declared. "We propose to radically alter the direction of our great denomination . . . the place to begin is with our schools."

The Rev. Paul Morrell, Good News chairman, and other board members were quick to stress that the opinions of Mr. Walker and Dr. Robb were individual opinions and did not necessarily represent Good News. The concept of a separate jurisdiction or the designation of two evangelical seminaries had not been discussed by the Good News board as a whole, he said.

### Bishop Hunt Warns Against Schism

In his welcome to the 2000 convocation participants, host Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr. asked to "speak a word of pastoral concern" during which he warned against denominational schism.

"Avoid at all costs attitudes and actions which could lead United Methodism down the road to schism," he pleaded. "There comes a time in the life of a movement when it is easier to go down the road of schism than to climb painfully and discouragingly those rugged hills which lead to your purposes and to unity of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Bishop Hunt predicted that the greatest temptation for Good News in the years ahead will be the temptation of schism. "If it comes, it will be of the devil and not of God," he declared.

Adding that he was confident the Good News movement would climb the rugged hills rather than down the "more apparent path," he said, "I salute you in advance."

Asked during a press conference to comment on the Bishop's remarks, Mr. Morrell said, "No one came here to talk of schism but to build up the Church of God."

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## Open Forum . . .

### 'How be a better Christian?'

#### STANDARD REPLIES NOT THE ANSWER, READER SAYS

To the Editor:

This is an answer to the question posed in the *Arkansas Methodist* for the Aug. 3 Sunday School Lesson.

The question was "How can I be a better Christian?" The answer was by making use of such resources as prayer, the Bible, the Church, Sunday School, and serving other people. This is the standard reply but not the answer.

The Church as it exists does not understand the meaning of spirituality, and I think it is afraid to grasp it. It will mean that the whole concept of orthodox teaching will have to be greatly altered and some of it discarded.

To be converted or to be born again is to be born into a new dimension. It is not a confession of sins or a declaration of words or vows. Nor is it "doing the will of God," whatever that might be.

You become a person of angelic powers and perceptions. It is not easy to do. "Many shall be called but few chosen." "Straight is the gate and narrow the way and few there be that find it" . . .

What is spirit? It is like the wind. You know it exists but you can't see it. "Those born of the spirit do not marry nor are they given in marriage but are like the angels" . . .

The principal teaching of Jesus Christ was the attaining of what he called the Kingdom of Heaven. It was first preached by John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ. Hindus refer to it as Nirvana, a teaching which only brings sneers from us. "The Kingdom of Heaven is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

"The Kingdom of Heaven is not a place," nor is it a great coming in the air with the sound of trumpets. "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you" — not

within your midst, as I heard Dr. (George) Outen preach at the Conference at Hot Springs — but within your being. "The time is at hand." Those words were spoken 2000 years ago. The time is always at hand. To a lawyer who answered discreetly 2000 years ago, Jesus said "You are very near the Kingdom of Heaven." How then can we say "we are building the Kingdom in this community"?

The Bible speaks mainly of people who had attained high spirituality. The disciples were "instructed" into it. All the old prophets had spiritual power. It is the tendency today to make them look like everyday preachers . . .

The Kingdom of Heaven . . . is the pearl of great price which when understood causes one to put everything else aside and buy that pearl or that field containing the treasure. Paul said everything else he had ever done was loss when he made the discovery.

No amount of mere church attendance, taking part in the ritual, or even helping others will "save" a person. "We are the keepers of the secret." "The spirit or the Comforter when he comes will reveal all things." That is, then you will be endowed with perception.

The Church should become open-minded, sincerely seeking knowledge and accepting it wherever found and however revealed. Unfortunately the Bible does not give precise details. We have much reconstruction to do since the terrible calamity of the Dark Ages. Armed with the truth the Bible can be understood and much precious time can be saved and our journey shortened.

The many denominations and teachings are a house of Babel — a consternation.

William E. Speed  
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Foreman, Ark. 71836  
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## FROM OUR READERS (Continued from page nine)

### 'NO' TO ORDINATION

To the Editor:

Never have I heard anything so shocking and disgusting as the church even considering ordaining such as homosexuals for the ministry. If they were Christians they wouldn't be this type of person. The devil and Jesus Christ can't live in the same body together.

I have belonged to the Methodist Church a long time but the day this evil thing takes place my and my family's membership ceases.

Oneta Bird  
Bee Branch, Ark. 72013  
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### 'WHAT HAPPENED TO SOUL-WINNING?'

To the Editor:

Your editorial of July 24th on evangelism tunes me out. It is a negative view of evangelism because you are afraid that it will infringe on the social gospel. What happened to soul-winning. John Wesley certainly believed in it.

The greatest hunger in the world today is a spiritual one. People are hungry for the word of God and it's about time that we meet that need.

Why not write an editorial stressing the need for soul-winning in our churches. Your stress on meeting the material needs of others is important, but also is the saving of their souls. The biggest disappointment that I have had in the Methodist church is an almost complete lack of stress on soul-winning.

I would predict and ask you to look at churches that stress soul-winning and you will find that they are the most mission-minded churches and doing something about the crucial issues of our time.

Denis Jensen  
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### QUOTE

We may be doing Jesus an injustice in stressing the fact that he so frequently said "Go . . . !" His first word to His disciples was not "Go" but "Come."

—Anonymous

## Bicentennial sermon-writing contest sponsored by Upper Room

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A sermon-writing contest, open to ministers of Protestant and Catholic churches across the United States, has been announced by the Rev. Maxie Dunnam, director of the Fellowship of The Upper Room.

The contest is a facet of RESURGENCE '76, a special renewal ministry of The Upper Room preceding the Bicentennial.

The contest, first of its kind ever conducted by the interdenominational daily devotional guide, offers a \$300 honorarium to the minister whose sermon is judged to receive the top award. Nine other "best sermons" will also be chosen — each writer receiving \$100.

Dunnam said the sermons are to focus on the theme, "That This Nation, Under God, Shall Have A New Birth Of Freedom." "Certainly this would include such subjects as stewardship of our earth, the interdependence of our human family, human dignity, and ecology," he added.

Bicentennial leaflets are now available

from The Upper Room to be used as "thought starters" for pastors interested in participating. Subjects of the leaflets include justice, deliverance, compassion, judgment, hope, forgiveness, jubilee, repentance, peace, stewardship, ministry, and reconciliation.

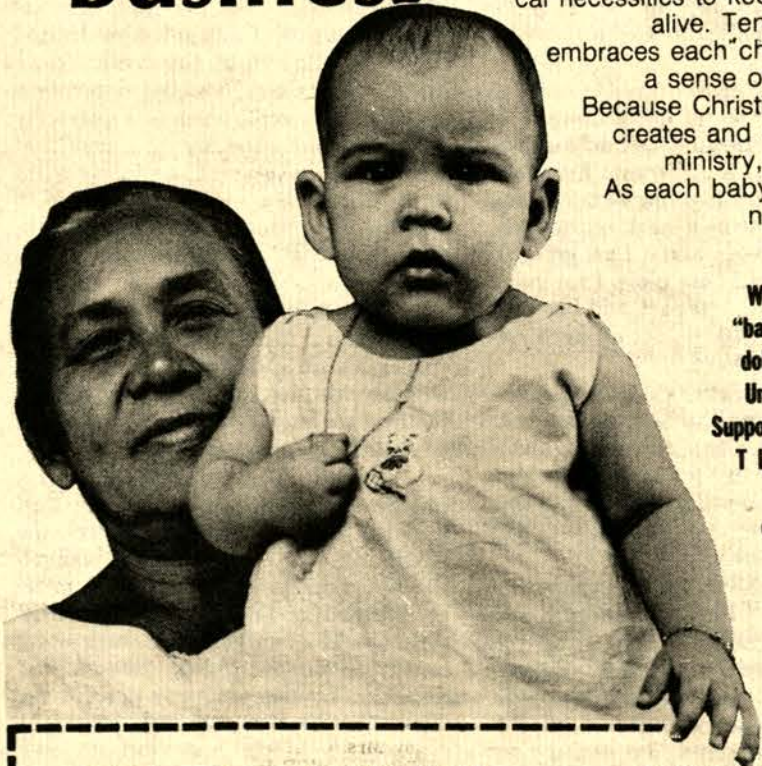
Sermon manuscripts submitted to the Fellowship of The Upper Room should be 10 to 12 double-spaced typewritten pages.

The ten best sermons will be published in a book to be made available to ministers as a preaching resource for the months preceding the bicentennial. Ministers are asked to submit their entries to Mr. Dunnam's office by Oct. 1 to enable publication of the book by Jan. 1.

Ministers who need more information about RESURGENCE '76 or the sermon contest may write the Rev. Maxie Dunnam, THE UPPER ROOM, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

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# Cherokee Village Church in mission

In January, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pettigrew, of Cherokee Village United Methodist Church, visited the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock and found Cottage Three in need of re-decorating and lacking in many items such as a four-slice toaster. Due to the interest of United Methodist Women and other Cherokee Village church members, the cottage has been completely re-decorated and carpeted.

In February the Pettigrews returned to the home with a carload of articles — donated by church members — including books, small electrical appliances, clothing, sheets, blankets, towels and washcloths, bedspreads and pictures, in addition to cash gifts. One of the church ladies, Mrs. Clarence Irvin, made and contributed two quilts.

Seven girls were accompanied to University Mall in Little Rock where each selected her own Easter dress. Inasmuch as the girls seldom get new clothes, they evidenced delight at this opportunity to look through racks of clothing and try on dresses. White shoulder bags and blouses and slips were also purchased for each of the young shoppers.

There are now eight girls in Cottage Three ranging in age from six to 15 years of age. They, and their houseparents, were invited to Cherokee Village, where they spent a recent weekend in the homes of church members.

On Saturday morning all were invited for a swim in the John A. Cooper Sr. pool, after which Mrs. Cooper served a

luncheon honoring the weekend guests. The little girls were fascinated by a playhouse, complete with sink and running water, and a variety of dress-up clothes. In the afternoon the group was taken to the Thunderbird Recreation Center where they had another swim and played pee wee golf. In the evening one of the church families hosted a hamburger fry.

On Sunday, all attended services at the United Methodist Church in Cherokee Village. Afterward they had the experience of dining in a local restaurant, and during the afternoon the girls and their houseparents were treated to a float boatride on Lake Thunderbird. They returned to the Children's Home in Little Rock with 12 dozen cookies baked by their hostesses. Several church families paid transportation costs for the weekend visit.

Cherokee Village United Methodist Women have set up a birthday fund for the girls which provides a \$10 gift for each girl in Cottage Three, on the occasion of her birthday.

The Harold Pettigrews (Mrs. Pettigrew is president of the UMW organization) expect to visit the Children's Home again this month to celebrate Mrs. Pettigrew's birthday — not to receive gifts, but once again to share in the joy of presenting gifts to the girls.

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(As reported by a member of Cherokee Village United Methodist Women)



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**LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE** was represented at the July 12-18 Laboratory/Seminar School at Mt. Sequoyah by (left to right, back row): Laverne Burton of First Church, Hot Springs, Mrs. Pat Matthews of Lakeside, Pine Bluff, the Rev. Don Eubanks, Des Arc pastor; (Front) Mrs. Sheila Hurt of Mabelvale, Little Rock District children's coordinator; Barbara Hurt, and Ginger Eubanks.



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